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This is likely to prove one of the bonanzas of B. C. There are four claims, the Athabasca, Alberta, Algonquin and Manitoba. Mr. Albert J. Hill, M.A., M.E., M.C., Soc. C. E. in his report says in part: "Seven ledges of free milling ore have been opened up on the property, varying in thickness from one to eight feet. In every opening I detected free gold."

No. 1 as shown approximately on the sketch plan, varies in thickness from two to four feet. It is opened by shafts at three points and a twenty-five foot tunnel driven on the lead and is traced on the strike for about 100 feet. Some fifteen or twenty tons of ore are lying on the surface at dumps, a certified assay of which gives \$207.45 per ton, of which \$201.00 is gold and \$6.45 silver, though picked specimens which I have examined would evidently give very many times that value, and I think I am well within the limit of probability when I suggest a general average of \$200.00 per ton, while the average of the ledge will be, I believe, fully \$100.00 to the ton.

It will be seen from the foregoing extracts from the report that the Company has not been disappointed in its "prospect," but that it has a valuable and proven property. It may also be mentioned that other shafts obtained from the quartz of the Athabasca, in addition to that referred to above, have given \$98.00, \$234.00, \$200.00, \$448.00, \$9.80 and \$17.70 to the ton. Estimates for the machinery required are now being invited. 50,000 shares only of the property stock are offered for sale at 25c, 10,000 of which will be sold here, the balance in the East. The next issue will be 50c. It is expected that the stock will rise as rapidly as the Golden Cache. It is certainly as rich and fine a property as there is in British Columbia. Applications for stock should be forwarded immediately to the

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MARKS! MARKS!! by the hundreds, at William Wilby's Golden Rule Bazaar, 21 Douglas street, Feb. 11.

DON'T FORGET Richardson's orchestra will provide the music for the Orange ball, on the 22nd, in A. O. U. W. hall. Ticket, admitting gentlemen and lady, \$1.50. Feb. 11.

A FINE FINE SINGING CANARIES for sale. 50,000 shares only of the property stock are offered for sale at 25c, 10,000 of which will be sold here, the balance in the East. The next issue will be 50c. It is expected that the stock will rise as rapidly as the Golden Cache. It is certainly as rich and fine a property as there is in British Columbia. Applications for stock should be forwarded immediately to the

MR. GIDEON HICKS, pianoforte tuner, of Vancouver, will be in Victoria February 11. (Owing to pressure of business will remain only 10 days. Address all orders P.O. Victoria. Special terms by the year.

FOR SALE OR WOULD EXCHANGE—A well-known city restaurant. Address "Restaurant," Times office. Feb. 10.

MISS BRACHAMPT, 67 Fort street, capacious, furnished, elegant, symmetrical, comfortable and all other cut flowers.

WANTED—Reliable women in every locality to introduce a new discovery among the ladies. A pleasant employment, and a salary of \$12 a week guaranteed. Write for particulars. The Antiseptic Medicine Co., London, Ont.

WE WANT AT ONCE—Reliable men in every section of the country to represent us, to distribute our advertising matter, and to keep our show cases stocked up in towns and along all public roads; commission, or salary \$50 a month and expenses. For particulars write The World Medical Electric Co., London, Ont.

WANTED—A young girl as nursemaid. Apply 206 Fort street. Feb. 10.

DIRETRESS SALE—Two good horses, under a distress warrant at the premises known as "The Gowdy Stables," Rock Bay avenue, near the water, on Thursday, February 11th, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. For the bailiff, J. B. McMillan, sheriff. Feb. 10.

SAMPLER of Crawford Bicycles at O'Connell & Pimbley's, Broad Street. Call and see them. Feb. 10.

DON'T FORGET the St. Valentine's grand masquerade ball, given by the ladies of Hope Lodge, 3, St. John's Street, on Friday, February 12th, in the A. O. U. W. hall. Nine handsome prizes; Wolf's five-o'clock orchestra in attendance; tickets 50 cents each; spectators 30 cents each. Feb. 10.

COAL—\$5 per ton, delivered; weight guaranteed. Munro, Holland & Co., 205, Broad street.

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Monday & Tuesday, Feb. 15 & 16.

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Possessing more actual novelty than all other spectacles combined. A great big company. Tons of special scenery, gorgeous costumes and armor, grand effects, imported specialties, brilliant light effects, European premieres, male and female dancers.

"You must see the shift of light, the truly rare, Lucille du, the bold actress, the city old maid, the like crew and one thousand other features the audience to mention."

Prices \$1.00 and 50c; gallery 50c. Sale of seats open to-morrow (Thursday) morning, at 8 o'clock, at Hamilton's. GRAND MATINEE TUESDAY.

FROM WASHINGTON

No Serious Opposition to the Election of Thomas B. Reed as Speaker.

The New Tariff Bill Will be Rushed Through House With All Speed.

What the Retiring Members of Cleveland's Cabinet are Expected to Do.

Washington, Feb. 10.—There is no serious opposition to the re-election of Thomas B. Reed as speaker of the house of representatives, all stories to the contrary notwithstanding.

Major McKinley's closest friends in the house say that they do not desire any change in the organization of the house, and that if they did they would not undertake a fight on Reed, which would certainly cause a breach which could not be healed during the administration, if at all. In addition to this, the plans of the administration leaders almost necessitate the retention of Reed as speaker.

The programme is to frame the bill this winter and rush it through the house within two weeks or a month after the beginning of the extra session. To accomplish this it is almost indispensable that the present organization of the house shall continue. If a new speaker should be elected the committee would be held up in the air for weeks, and possibly months.

Everything combined, therefore, to throw the administration strength to Mr. Reed, and Gen. Grover, the congressional representative of Major McKinley, is emphatic in the belief, which he has openly expressed, that Speaker Reed will be nominated in the Republican caucus by acclamation.

If anybody were to take the field against Reed it would undoubtedly be Hopkins of Illinois. He is one of the most popular men in the house, and has been in frequent opposition to the speaker. Unfortunately for "Hop's" chances there is no organized opposition at all to the big speaker. Boodlers, lobbyists and treasury raiders who wish to secure appropriations have endeavored to foment a rebellion, but without success, and in the opinion of the leaders of the house only his death or resignation can prevent his re-election.

Now that the personnel of the incoming cabinet has been determined, public interest naturally turns toward those gentlemen in the present cabinet who will soon retire to a more or less well-earned private obscurity.

Richard Olney, secretary of state, for instance, will return to Boston and resume his lucrative practice as attorney for half a score of railway corporations, which, it may be added, he has never relinquished during his incumbency of the office. It may be fairly surmised that the secretary's experience as attorney-general and secretary of state has qualified him to be even more valuable to the monopolies he represents than he ever was before. So that there need be no sympathy wasted upon Secretary Olney.

As for Secretary Carlisle, his path is not so smooth. If need not be said that there is no place in Kentucky for so great a man as he. Mr. Carlisle will go to New York city, where his abilities and his lately acquired financial views will be better appreciated. It is an open secret here that Mr. Carlisle has received several advantageous offers from prominent New York local firms, one of which he will undoubtedly accept.

The secretary of war, Mr. Daniel S. Lamont, erstwhile newspaper man and private secretary to the president, will also return to New York city and resume the chairmanship of the steering committee of the New York surface roads. In this position Mr. Lamont has no superiors.

The secretary of the navy, Mr. Hilary A. Herbert, will retire to Alabama and incubate a new political ambition. Mr. Herbert has met with so many political vicissitudes in his time that he will be entirely familiar with this process. Time was when Mr. Herbert was severely bitten by the free silver idea. He only broke out in spots, however, and refrained from becoming rabid, as the supposition that by standing by the administration's policy he would succeed to a United States circuit judgeship in Mississippi. This, too, passed away. Mr. Herbert is a professional congressman and will doubtless know what to do when he gets back to Alabama.

Secretary of the Interior, the Hon. David H. Francis, will return to St. Louis immediately after the 4th of March, and as the head of the firm of Francis Bros. & Co. will resume his old occupation of buying wheat on the Merchants' Exchange. Mr. Francis is a striking example of the self-made man, who, in his political ambition, has failed to heed the trite old maxim: "Soar not too high to fall; but stoop to rise."

Hon. William L. Wilson, postmaster-general, and junior partner in the so-called Wilson Mill, has a West Virginia future to which to look forward. Mr. Wilson is an accomplished college professor. He will go back to his West Virginia university and teach the young idea how to shoot "silver bugs"—in the back.

Mr. Judson Harmon, attorney-general of the United States, also has a future which, like his past, is largely behind him. He will return quietly and unostentatiously to Cincinnati and resume the practice of law for the benefit of the C. & O. and other large railway corporations. His services while in the cabinet, together with the experience which he has obtained, will doubtless secure to him a larger compensation, and an increased pull with the corporations he so ably represents.

Hon. Julius Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, also retires on the 3rd of March, and though the heavens may weep on that occasion there will be a new eye among all the members of the Democratic party in this country. Mr. Morton's name will live in history—not because of his position in President Cleveland's cabinet, nor even because of his impetuous attack upon the rebel South last fall—but for the reason that he is the real man who instituted and inaugurated "Arbor Day" in America. Mr. Morton will return to Nebraska, and plant more trees, and Cincinnati will wait for the call of his country.

THE FARMERS' TURN

Tariff Commissioners at Winnipeg Hear "The Other Side" of the Question.

The Manufacturers of 45 at Demonstration for their Greed—Some Plain Talk.

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—The tariff commissioners resumed their session at 10 this morning. They are quite anxious to finish up business here, and with that end in view will continue this forenoon sitting to three o'clock in the afternoon, by which time they hope to have heard all those desirous of speaking.

P. D. Knowles, of Emerson, representing the Patrons of Industry, who live near the boundary line, was the first to address the commission, to-day. He wanted the duty on coal oil and wire fencing removed, also that on salt and apples. He said wheat which was graded No. 2 hard in Manitoba passed as No. 1 hard across the line, and as there is three cents difference in the price of the two grades Manitoba farmers are out that much. He considered the farmers in Minnesota and Dakota were better treated by their government than were the Canadian farmers by the protectionists.

J. Hogg, of Russell, said he represented a constituency in northwestern Manitoba, and as such would speak. He advocated a reduction in the duty on coal oil and agricultural implements. The government should see to it that immigrants can procure the necessities of life at a reasonable price. He said the manufacturers in the east were clamoring for immigration to the Northwest, yet they were killing the goose that lays the golden egg by insisting on a high protective tariff. The government is now on trial and will be judged by the results of this commission. If the government listens to the manufacturers they will be defeated by an avalanche of popular indignation.

The general audience characterizes the evidence given by the farmers. They are posted on the tariff question, and while addressing the commission show great knowledge of the subject under discussion. They know they have a grievance and wish legislation passed to redress that grievance.

BUTLER CARRIED STRYCHNINE

Poison Was Found on the Australian Murderer's Person.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Frank Butler, alias Howard, the alleged Australian murderer, has been identified by Capt. Jones, of the British ship Flinders, as Richard Pagnoe, a sailor who arrived at this port on the British ship Flinders, Castle in 1890. The recognition by Jones and Butler was mutual. The white powders found by the arresting officer under the band of Butler's coat when the Swabian arrived have been chemically analysed and found to contain five grains of strychnine each. The prisoner was greatly agitated when the concealed poison was discovered. He is supposed to have kept it as a last means of escape from the clutches of the law. The extradition hearing will be resumed this afternoon.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—A large number of German newspapers, in their comments on the Cuban situation, declare that war between Greece and Turkey is almost inevitable.

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SHORT NOTICE SALE

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Under instructions from Mr. Henssler, at corner BLANCHARD and CHATHAM

To-Morrow, February 11th, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Furniture and Effects

Including side board, dining table and chairs, bedstead, easy chair, bedroom furniture, carpets, oilcloths, crockery, glassware, etc.

W. T. HANDEKER, Auctioneer.

TALKING RAILWAYS

British Columbia Delegation Discusses Coast-Routinay Scheme With Ministers.

Investigating the Affairs in Office of Crown Timber Agent Higgins.

Tories are Scheming to Reintroduce the School Question at Next Session.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Messrs. Maxwell, Milne, McDonnell and Melness, father and son, are here. They waited on Hon. Mr. Blair to-day and talked the Coast-Routinay railway scheme over with him. The minister took much interest in the representations made to him and promised to lay the matter before his colleagues. The British Columbia delegation will meet all the ministers at town to-morrow.

J. J. Arsenault, homestead inspector at Oak Lake, Manitoba, has been dismissed.

A commissioner has been appointed to investigate the affairs of the office of Mr. Higgins, crown timber agent of British Columbia.

Mr. Smart, who is organizing the immigration branch, has arranged for a number of changes. There will be dismissals and new appointments, so as to secure efficiency of service.

The ministers confirm the statement that there has been no deal on the school question, and say the agreement made with Mr. Greenway will not be deviated from. The archbishop did not see the premier on his recent visit here.

Hon. Mr. Fisher proposes to reorganize the patents branch and may suggest the abolition of the deputy commissioner.

It is stated that the mission of Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. J. H. Davies to Washington will result in nothing more than a complete demonstration of the fact that no reciprocity treaty can be anticipated with the United States while Mr. McKinley is in power.

The Free Press says a report has it that a motion will be introduced at the next session with a purpose of endeavoring to cause trouble in the government ranks over the school question. It will affirm the principle of remedial legislation and is especially designed to arouse feeling among the Liberal members who voted in support of the remedial bill at last winter's session.

A. W. Ross is here on mining business.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—There are now two counties open in this province, and it will be seen whether "Jean Baptiste" prefers Hon. Wilfrid Laurier to the Bishop of French Canada. The election in Champlain will probably come off first, and although it is a constituency within Mr. Lafontaine's jurisdiction, Hon. Mr. Tarte left for the seat of war this morning, and rumor has it that he will make a supreme effort to win the old Tory county from its present allegiance. If Champlain endorses the school settlement, the government need have no fear of the rest of the province, for such a result would prove that the last vestige of influence had slipped away from clerical hands. Champlain has always been represented at Ottawa by a Conservative, although Dr. Trudel once carried the county for Mercur and the Nationalists in the local legislature.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Lockhart & Sons, woodmen, who suspended some days ago, have assigned. Liabilities are placed at \$110,000; assets, \$112,000, but will realize much less.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The council of the board of trade has opened an Italian famine fund.

MAXIMO GOMEZ TALKS

Says He is Disgusted With the Talk of Cuban Reform.

New York, Feb. 10.—The World this morning publishes an interview with General Maximilian Gomez. He said in part: "Spain will not grant any real reform. We no longer ask concessions from her. Even were Spain's proposals bona fide, nothing could tempt us to treat with her. I am disgusted with this talk of reform. Does Spain think we have forgotten the lessons of the past? Liberty is what we are fighting for. We want nothing from Spain. Cuba hates Spain."

"Do you believe the United States is rendering aid to Spain?"

"That is a delicate question," he answered. "I hope not. Still I will speak plainly and with candor. It is certain that the United States is not our ally. If the government at Washington does anything to the cause of liberty, if it favors the struggle for freedom, now going on here, it has not shown it."

When asked about stock ammunition on hand he did not speak.

"Could you materially increase the size of your army if you had plenty of arms and ammunition?"

"We could march into the province of Havana with 50,000 men in a month," replied Gomez. "That would mean the almost immediate freedom of Cuba, for one Cuban is as good as two Spaniards. More than that, I am confident that with 50,000 properly armed and equipped men, supported by artillery, the Spanish army would be driven from Cuba within three months."

—Choice Ontario Buckshot at Harbinger Clarke's.

TOSS BY THE SEA

A Very Disastrous Prelude to the Naval Demonstration at Charleston.

Serious Accident on the Marblehead—Five Men Lost.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 10.—Admiral Bane's blockade squadron has reached port after a disastrous voyage from Hampton Roads.

Three men were lost overboard from the battleship Maine during the gale of Friday, one man was crushed to death on the cruiser Marblehead, another fatally injured and six others were so badly hurt that several may lose limbs. The details of the accident on the Marblehead are not obtainable, but it seems the cruiser made bad weather of the blow. To-night, as she lies off the jetty, she presents a dismantled appearance. Her forecastle is stove in and a portion of her superstructure and two hatches are carried away. The heavy seas that swept over her decks also carried away her searchlight, tower port beam, smashed the lifeboats, Carpenter's wheel was crushed to death in the forecastle when it was wrecked by a monster wave, and Plumber Hickey had his skull crushed by the wreckage and will probably die. The six men who were injured are believed to have been hurt at the same time, but the officers of the vessel are reticent as to the details of the accident. It is understood the injured men will be brought ashore for treatment to-morrow. Carpenter Shawberle was buried at sea. The other vessels of the fleet show marks of their rough voyage, their upper works and deck hampers being damaged.

The squadron weighed anchor in the rough Thursday morning and put to sea. Friday evening the weather thickened and by night was blowing a gale. The condition of her turrets, the rest of the fleet, however, poked their noses into the storm and headed south. When about fifty miles off Hatteras the fleet felt the full force of the blow. Open squadron formation was maintained and the vessels were put in order for a siege of weather.

The battleship Maine rolled in the big seas, the water washing her decks at every plunge. It was late Friday afternoon when the accident occurred which cost three seamen their lives. Three others were rescued only by prompt and heroic work.

A gang of men was ordered forward to make more secure the lashings of the big guns. The deck was deluged and the wind was freshening every moment. The men were at work with the lashings when an unusually heavy sea curled over the bows and swept aft. Six of the gang were picked up and carried overboard before they could escape the wave. When the cry of "Man overboard" was carried back there was a scene of momentary confusion, but in an instant the splendid discipline of the crew was apparent. Life boats were cast loose and the order given to get a boat overboard. The high seas made this work one of peril and difficulty, but a boat's crew under Naval Cadet Walter R. Gherard, son of Rear Admiral Gherard, retired, was finally lowered, and seamanship alone preventing the frail craft from being crushed against the sides of the big battleship. While the engines had been reversed at the first signal from the bridge, the momentum of the ship had carried her some distance beyond the spot where the seamen were swept overboard, and the set of the current was carrying them farther away every moment. The ship's crew watched in the heavy seas as they pulled manfully to the rescue, the waves running so high that the little boat was at times hidden from the vessel's deck as it rushed down into the trough. Meantime the drowning men fought heavily, and three of them managed to keep afloat until their mates hauled them out of the water. They were: Seamen Haasel, Cronin, and Freeman. The remaining three, Brown, Nelson and Kogel, were not to be seen. The lifeboat cruised back and forth over the sea, but the brave fellows had given up the struggle and met a sailor's fate. Cadet Gherard and his boat's crew were highly complimented by the officers for their brave work.

Friday night the fleet had heavy weather of it, but managed to keep toward morning the squadron was hove to and weathered out the rest of the gale in that manner. The officers say it was one of the worst gales the fleet has ever experienced.

Thorn made this port before the worst of the gale, being forty-eight hours ahead of her consort in making harbor. The Dolphin, which came up from the south, arrived yesterday and experienced no severe weather. A boat from the Maine came up to the city this evening with several officers. They visited the collector of the port and filed telegrams. A dispatch from Washington was awaiting Admiral Bane, presumably from the navy department in connection with the blockade maneuvers.

Tore His Fleck in Agency.

"I was troubled with blind itching piles for 20 years; was unable to work and tore my flesh in agony. United States and Canadian doctors failed to relieve. Chase's Ointment was a God-send. I am able to work every day." Philip Wallace, blacksmith, Ironquins, Ont. Chase's Ointment cures piles, eczema, and irritant diseases. All drug stores, 60c. per box.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for eczema, boils and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it. For sale by all druggists. Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver."

HALIBUT FISHING.

Pacific Trading Company at Tacoma to Increase Their Business.

Tacoma, Feb. 10.—Samuel G. Pool and his son, Gardner A. Pool, of the Atlantic Halibut Company, of Gloucester, Mass., are arranging to increase their business from this point. They are interested in the Pacific Halibut and Trading Company, operating the steamer Edith, which fishes at the northern banks. The Gloucester Company has twenty-two vessels in the Atlantic trade, with New York, Philadelphia and Chicago as the principal distributing points. If arrangements can be made it is the intention to add three steamers to the trade from this port.

IN SECRET SESSION

Arbitration Treaty Under Consideration by the Senate of the United States.

The Public Refused Admission—Clause Re Alaskan Boundary Unsatisfactory.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The Anglo-American arbitration treaty was under consideration by the senate in executive session, and consequently behind closed doors. The first half of the session was spent in debating a motion introduced by Hill to consider the treaty in open session, and the most animated part of the day's proceedings was based upon this matter. The debate was characterized by several sharp passages at arms between the author of the motion and Morgan, Lodge and Sherman, the last three named contending strenuously for the observance of the senatorial custom of secrecy in dealing with the treaty. It was stated that it was the wish of the administration that the public should be excluded from the debates. The only vote of the day was secured, showing only nine for it and forty-nine against. The negative vote was cast by two gold Democrats, Hill and Lind, two silver Democrats, Roach and Tillman; two independent silver Republicans, Teller and Pettigrew; two Populists, Deffenbaugh and Stewart, and one straight Republican, Brown. This was not considered as in any respect a test vote, as there are known to be many senators opposed to the treaty who did not favor a departure from the ordinary practice of the senate. Still, the friends of the treaty believe sufficient strength was developed as to the attitude of the senators to justify the conclusion that the treaty is certain of ratification, if it can be brought to a vote. It is claimed the straight Republican vote is solidly favorable to ratification, and that a fraction at least of all the other elements will be found in that column when the vote is announced. It was made apparent, however, that the treaty would stand no chance without the committee amendments.

The supporters of the agreement are not so sanguine of early action as of a favorable result when a vote is secured. A quite determined spirit of delay was made manifest, and when Sherman expressed the hope that consideration could be concluded at another sitting, Teller told him frankly that he would be disappointed in this respect, intimating that several more sessions would be necessary to the complete consideration of a matter of importance so great and so far-reaching in its results.

With the Hill motion disposed of, the senate took up the treaty upon its merits. Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, spoke for about an hour, making a strong plea for the ratification of the treaty, which he urged was the realization of a dream which had long been cherished in the United States.

Morgan replied to Sherman, speaking in opposition to the treaty. His argument was largely constitutional in tendency. He dwelt with special emphasis upon its sweeping character, claiming that in delegating to the president the right to determine for this country the circumstances under which arbitration shall be resorted to, it robbed congress of a prerogative especially conferred upon it.

Morgan was speaking when the senate adjourned. His and Sherman's were the only set speeches made, but there were many other brief utterances.

Intimations were given of several amendments other than those proposed by the committee on foreign relations, among others one definitely withdrawing the Alaskan boundary as a subject of arbitration, and another modifying the clause in regard to the arbitration of claims affecting the various states.

Cardinal, Feb. 9.—(Special).—Mr. Robert McIntosh, a farmer very widely known in this country, and living near this village has been in a painful and dangerous condition as the result of kidney trouble.

When called upon he said: "During three years, until quite recently cured by using four boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, I have been an intense sufferer from kidney disease, which kept going from bad to worse though I was doctoring all the time." Under advice I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills, at once realizing great help. I now feel like a new man and am perfectly cured of kidney trouble in any form.

Windsor Salt

Purest and Best for Table and Dairy No adulteration. Never cakes.

IN TURMOIL OF WAR

The Whole Island of Crete Up in Arms—The Situation Most Critical.

Should Turkey and Greece Come to Blows European Peace Would Be Threatened.

London, Feb. 10.—In the event of a collision between Turkey and Greece it is doubtful whether an entente of the powers may be maintained. Papers everywhere urge the powers to bring pressure to bear on Greece to prevent further aggravation of Turkey. It is announced to-day that the Turkish warships and transports left Constantinople for Crete and that in spite of the advice of his ministers and ambassadors the sultan favors the dispatch of troops and suppressing the troubles by force.

A dispatch to the Times from Cana says: "The immediate cause of the outbreak was the news of troubles at Heraklion. Before dawn half the Mohammedans had left the town and great numbers fled upon Galata and other villages. Christians descended from the mountains in strong force and during the next two days there were incessant conflicts around Cana in which Christians appeared to have had the advantage. Efforts of consuls and bishops to pacify them failed, and the Mohammedans who had been aroused to the utmost found themselves unable to continue their expedition into the country. Excitement among the Christians of Cana has increased, but the first fighting in the town was on Thursday, which commenced with desultory shots and in a few moments became general and incessant. Shooting continued until dark. Among the victims were Turkish soldiers, but the troops, nevertheless, under great provocation behaved excellently."

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chamber in Athens was a stormy one. Deputy Stais making a violent attack upon the ministry because of the governmental policy with reference to Crete. There was a lively scene during the discussion of the subject, tremendous excitement following an exchange of words between Deputy Stais and Col. Smolentis, the minister of war. Personal encounters between various deputies were only prevented by the intervention of friends.

A dispatch from Cologne, Germany, says the Kolnische Zeitung declares that the attempt of Greece to annex Crete will not succeed. France, it is asserted, may favor the design, but the Dreihund and Russia have agreed to maintain the status quo.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Times says that a panic occurred on the Bourse yesterday. The general collapse was due, it is asserted, to the rumors of war troubles in Crete and at Constantinople, and to the spread of Bahonic plague. Petroleum shares have fallen specially low, because of fears that the plague will reach the Caucasian regions.

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The Daily Times.

WORTHY OF ATTENTION.

In his letter in the Times yesterday "Progress" presented some facts and suggestions relative to the agricultural resources of the province which may well receive attention from our legislators. The most careful observer will perceive the force of the statement that if our mineral resources are developed by outsiders, whose aim is to make substantial profits therefrom, while at the same time our agricultural lands lie vacant, the province will be far from receiving the benefit which should come to it. Over much the greater part of British Columbia the farmer has much to contend with before he can begin to secure a return from the cultivation of his soil. The topographical character of the country precludes dense settlement in many parts of the province; means of transport and communication are beyond the reach of self-help in such places; markets are apt to be difficult of access; the clearing of the land is difficult. Many things, in short, combine against the farmer in British Columbia, and his industry is the most heavily handicapped of all known to the province. At the same time it is generally acknowledged to be the most important. The suggestions offered by "Progress" are most timely, and it will be of great advantage to the province if a way can be found to secure the results which he sets forth as desirable. Whatever can be done to make the agricultural industry keep pace with not only mining but other industries which create a demand for food supplies, is well worth the attention of the legislators.

SENATORS AND TREATY.

Carl Schurz in Harper's Weekly offers some pointed remarks on the onslaught made by jingo senators on the proposed arbitration treaty. At the close of the article he says: "Unless the senate can treacherously prove that, contrary to the universal belief, this treaty will make for wrong instead of justice, for international discord and broil instead of peace, it would, by rejecting or even unnecessarily delaying the ratification of this treaty, present to the world a pitiable display of American statesmanship and American civilization." Unfortunately the jingo senators do not feel the necessity of proving anything except the fact that they want to fust President Cleveland and want to cultivate a certain element in their domestic politics. It is an extremely profitless work to lay before such men arguments based on a regard for humanity; their under-standings have no room for the consideration of high principles. It would appear as though only one source of gratification can be found in connection with this treaty, namely, the fact that the enlightened and fully civilized portion of the people of the United States most decidedly differ from the low grade politicians who delight in mangling the document.

Says the Canadian Gazette: "Canada is supposed to desire cheap literature. Yet Mr. Sted declares in the Review of Reviews that the Canadian tariff imposes a duty of nearly 60 per cent. and an embargo on the published price of his remarkable 'Penny Poets.' This, says Mr. Sted, is a monstrous imposition. The tariff was framed, for books are charged only by weight, and the expense a pound on the average book would amount to a trivial percentage; but when applied to penny publications, it becomes a crushing impost. Mr. Fielding will, we may hope, remove this embargo on the best English literature when he comes to revise the tariff this session."

In a New York paper appears the following statement: "Congressman C. J. Bonner of Louisiana, who is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, said today that about 100,000 people are destitute in the southwestern part of his state, owing to bad crops. He had just received a dispatch from Colonel Paige Baker, editor of a New Orleans paper, telling him

that the people needed seeds to plant their crops and asked him whether he could not get Congress to appropriate something for the seeds." The cause of the Louisiana famine, as that of the famine in parts of India, is drought, the effects of which the congressman has described: "Last year we had a drought of four months. It not only killed the growing crops, but the streams dried up, cattle died and those that survived became very poor. Vegetation of all kinds withered. It was almost like a breath of the sirocco which burns everything in its path. Cotton bolls never formed, but the blooms withered and fell, corn went to shoots and no cobs were formed; potatoes that were planted merely sprouted and withered and even the hardy turnip did not grow. In many instances the people actually suffer for water." Only the hilly parts of the state, with its sandy soil, was so seriously affected. It may be bad to have too much rain, but it is evidently much worse to have little.

This and That.

The latest show has arrived. Tickets being exceedingly cheap a goodly number of the elite of society gathered—so much so that even standing room was unobtainable. Visitors from all parts of the province were present. Very promptly the curtains were raised and the play began. As the chief actor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor showed to considerable advantage and "spoke his piece" with commendable ease.

It is much to be regretted that so much labor was expended on such a poor production as the Speech from the Throne. If His Honor had any responsibility in the matter he must have blushed. I once attended a very high-toned banquet at which the notabilities of the city and country were present. The menu was as follows: A thoughtful soup, a pinch of salt, a wing of snipe, a square inch of beef, one-fourth of a small potato, a microscopic piece of pie, cheese in miniature and celery of the dwarf pattern. After two hours vainly attempting to stay the pangs of hunger, my neighbor, a Scotchman, asked the waiter to "give him a dish of parritch."

Just as I felt Monday when the Queen's speech was read. In it the government told us what everybody knew before about mining, timber, agriculture, sealing and the Indian famine, but apparently forgot to tell the people of the province that which they are most eager to know.

The bill of fare is of the most meagre description. The ambiguity of the clause which "calls for the consideration of a railway policy which will provide adequate to provide transportation facilities for the development of the natural wealth which is known to exist" is truly delightful. As nobody knows what it means, or is likely to mean, there can be no objection.

There is one bill which the government is to be commended for introducing: "An Act to amend the Lunacy Act." "Where are you going?" I asked yesterday of a stalwart Victorian. "Oh," he replied, "just over to the lunatic asylum." "Where?" I asked, incredulously. "To the lunatic asylum, the other name for the provincial legislature." Evidently "Lunacy Amendment Act" is in order.

My friend, the genial Harry Holmeken, is in it with both feet. He evidently means to tease the government and get his name up. Some of his "questions" are a bit awkward. I wonder if he means to bolt, or is it a case of "much cry and little wool?" Stick to it, Harry, old boy, you are on the right track.

THE CHINATOWN ACCIDENT.

To the Editor: I was surprised to see that you had not made special mention in Saturday's issue of the generous efforts of the Chinese who subscribed so nobly to the funeral fund of the victim of the sad accident which occurred in Chinatown. I am sure the parents, although heartbroken at their sad loss, will still appreciate the generous and kind sentiments, which, coming from a people who are alien to us, but who forgot all that and did their utmost in the hour of need. When I saw the account of the subscription in your paper, I thought that it put us, the people of Victoria, to shame for the bridge accident. How many subscription lists were opened on that occasion, when our own flesh and blood were slaughtered? Not one (not even one by the Lieutenant-Governor), but here are a people who have nothing in common with us giving grandly, ay, nobly, so that they may ease the burden which the poor parents have to bear. I think that special comment by you in your paper would voice the feelings of a good many in this community who do appreciate their generous gift.

W. H. SHAW.

THE CUBAN STRUGGLE.

Fighting in Pinar del Rio—Spanish Guard Blown Up.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 10.—An expedition landed in the southern part of Pinar del Rio province last week, and fought on a severe fight between the Spanish coast guard and the Cuban exiles under Captain Petros. The Spaniards lost 18 men, the Cubans seven. Fifteen men of a Spanish patrol were killed at Havana outskirts on Sunday night, on the southwest side. While they were passing a large stone building it was blown up and twenty men were buried under the ruins, only five being dug out alive. This is suspected to be the beginning of the "reign of terror" promised by Lieut.-Col. Hernandez when he made the last raid here.

DON'T WANT MADILL.

P.P.A. Leader is Unpopular in Church Circles.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—For sending a call to the Rev. C. Madill, Roper, church, Clinton, has been suspended temporarily by the Toronto District Congregational Association. It was because Mr. Madill was under the discipline of the western association that the action was taken. Mr. Madill, until lately, was recognized as a leader in western Ontario of the P.P.A.

—Hungarian Flour for \$1.25 at John Bros.

Kitchen Emergencies...



Wanted in 5 minutes
A cup of Beef Tea.
Something to give strength to the Soup.
Some rich Gravy for Meat.
The housewife is at her wits end unless supplied with

Johnston's
Fluid Beef 16 oz. Bottle \$1.00

WELL DONE, GOLDIE!

Captures the Palace of the Emir at Bida—One Officer Killed.

London, Feb. 10.—Sir George Goldie, commanding the Royal Niger Companies expedition against the Emir of Soko, which arrived at a point 12 miles distant from Bida Fulah, the capital, on January 25, cables from the palace of the Emir at Bida, January 26th, saying the palace has been captured and all the members of the expedition are well. Dispatches yesterday state that Bida was to be bombarded on January 27th. A private telegram today adds that our British officer was killed. The officer killed during the capture of Bida was Lieut. Thomson, of the Leicestershire regiment.

THE TRAIN ROBBERY.

Indians on the Trail of the Fleeing Arizona Bandit.

Klugan, Ariz., Feb. 10.—Indians on the trail of one of the train robbers are headed north toward Grand Canyon, Colo. The robber is riding one horse and leading another. It is supposed that Donovan, who held up the Southern Pacific train and killed the messenger a year ago, is concerned in the robbery. He is known to have been in hiding near Grand Canyon. The dead robber has not yet been identified. He wore clothes and carried a rifle stolen from a rancher in the vicinity a month ago.

ANOTHER TAIL-TWISTER.

New York, Feb. 10.—A special cable dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says: "Senor Michelena, formerly in the diplomatic service of Venezuela, says, and the last minister from this country to England, has again attacked the Anglo-Venezuelan treaty. Senor Michelena introduces the attack on the treaty and protocol which preceded it with a violent criticism of England and her policy with foreign affairs, and the motives of Secretary Olney in negotiating the boundary convention. He directly accuses the secretary of state at Washington of being in conspiracy, and declares that Great Britain is always arrogant with weaker nations, while with her equals she is too cowardly to disagree."

Brief Locals.

On Friday evening, Feb. 12th, the ladies of Hope Lodge, No. 1, Degree of Honor, will hold a St. Valentine's masquerade ball. During the evening a series of tableaux will be put on under able management for the benefit of the spectators. Nine handsome prizes are to be given away, which are now on exhibition in Schi's window.

A concert will be given by the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church consisting of solos, quartettes and choruses from Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." Mr. Rowlands will direct the choir and will render the solo "Lead Kindly Light" by Cardinal Newman, to a new setting. The choir has been practising for some time for the occasion.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

The Victoria Fund Now Exceeds a Thousand Dollars.

The following are the new subscriptions at the various banks and places for receiving subscriptions for the Indian famine fund:

Bank of British North America	Weller Bros.	5.00
Anonymous	5.00	
R. J. Russell	5.00	
G. H. Burns	10.00	
W. A. Dyer	5.00	
C. J. Nicol	5.00	
H. J. Scott	10.00	
C. N. Davidson	5.00	
Ng. Mook	2.00	
"Friend"	1.00	
I. X. L.	1.00	
Total		\$54.00

Bank of British Columbia—Previously acknowledged, including \$72.25 collected by the Colonist.

Turner, Beaton & Co.	25.00
G. R. W. Stewart	5.00
F. C. Davidge & Co.	10.00
Canon Padden	5.00
Total	\$622.85

Bank of Montreal—Previously acknowledged, including \$53 collected by the Daily Times.

Local Council of Women	3.00
Major C. T. Dupont	10.00
J. B. McKilligan	5.00
B. G. Goward	2.50
Total	\$255.50

City Hall—Previously acknowledged, including \$29.50.

W. W. Wainwright	5.00
T. J. Partridge	1.00
Province Publishing Co.	5.00
Ahl. McCandless	5.00
A. Borde	1.00
North Ward School	2.95
Bodwell & Irving	10.00
B. H. T. Drake	10.00
Davis, Pooley & Luxton	10.00
J. E. McMillan	2.50
Total	\$80.45

Times Office—Previously acknowledged, including \$12.50.

T. P.	5.00
Total	\$28.00

Colonist Office—Previously acknowledged, including \$72.25.

A. M.	2.50
Total	\$74.75

A total up to the present of \$1091.80.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

Victoria, Feb. 7.—The scarcity of mutton and beef on the other side of the line is being still felt in the city markets and many of the butchers are discussing the advisability of getting their meat from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Although wheat is still rising at Chicago, and is very firm in the local markets no change has been made in the price of flour. The price list corrected up to date is as follows:

Oatmeal, per 10 pounds	45 to 50c
Wheat, per ton	\$37.50 to \$40.00
Barley, per ton	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Midland, per ton	\$22.00 to \$25.00
Beans, per ton	\$18.00 to \$20.00
Ground feed, per ton	\$20.00 to \$22.00
Corn, whole, per ton	\$30.00 to \$32.00
Corn, cracked, per ton	\$28.00 to \$30.00
Oatmeal, per 10 pounds	45 to 50c
Rolls oats, (Or. or N. W.)	30c
Rolls oats, (B. & K.) 7th. sacks	30c
Potatoes, per pound	14c
Carrots, per pound	25c to 30c
Cauliflower, per head	10c to 12c
Har, baled, per ton	\$13 to \$15
Straw, per bale	75c
Onions, per lb.	2 1/2 to 4c
Bananas	40 to 50c
Lemons (California)	25c to 35c
Apples, Eastern, per lb.	5c
Oranges (navel) per doz.	35c to 40c
Oranges (California) seedling	25 to 30c
Oranges (Japanese), per box	40 to 50c
Fish—salmon, per lb.	10c to 12c
Halibut	10 to 12c
Fish—small	8c to 10c
Smoked hampers, per lb.	10c
Smoked kippers, per lb.	12 1/2c
Eggs, Island, fresh per doz.	30c to 35c
Eggs, Manitoba	25c
Butter, creamery, per lb.	35c
Butter, Delta creamery, per lb.	35c
Butter, fresh	30c to 40c
Cheese, Cheddar	15 to 20c
Hams, American, per lb.	16c to 18c
Hams, Canadian, per lb.	14c
Bacon, American, per lb.	15c to 18c
Bacon, rolled, per lb.	12c to 15c
Bacon, long clear, per lb.	10c to 12 1/2c
Bacon, Canadian, per lb.	14c to 16c
Shoulders	12 1/2c to 15c
Lard	12 1/2c to 15c
Sides, per lb.	7 1/2c
Meats—beef, per lb.	7 1/2 to 15c
Veal	10c to 15c
Mutton, per lb.	10 to 15c
Mutton (whole)	10c
Pork, fresh, per lb.	10c to 12 1/2c
Pork, sides, per lb.	10c
Chickens, per pair	\$1.00 to \$1.50

NANAIMO.

The government is calling for bids for a twice-a-week mail service to Comox, and it is quietly understood that, should this be established, it will be arranged for the boat to make Texada Island each trip. Judging by the number of men now on that island, and the number intending to go there in the spring, such a service becomes quite necessary.

Among the mines on Texada Island, returns just received place the Raven, owned by John McLeod, at the head. He has a tunnel 100 feet, is in fine ore, assaying \$125 per ton. Quite a force of men are working in the mine, and the outlook is flattering.

The committee in charge of the anti-Chinese movement in this district met in the city hall last evening, when considerable business was transacted. The finances were shown to be in good condition, following being the report of committee: Receipts, \$249.26; expenditures, \$108.25; leaving a balance on hand of \$141.01. A large number of citizens have signed the petition, which will be forwarded as soon as necessary. It was decided to send a man into the Duncan district to solicit further signers.

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In the matter of good health temporary measures, while possibly successful for the moment, can never be lasting. Those in poor health soon know whether the remedy they are using is simply a passing incident in their existence, bracing them up for the day, or something that is getting at the seat of the disease and is surely and permanently curative.

The eyes of the world are fixed on South American Nervine. They are not viewing it as a nine-days wonder, but critical and experienced men have been studying this medicine for years, with the one result—they have found that its claim of perfect curative qualities cannot be gainsaid.

The great discoverer of this medicine was possessed of the knowledge that the seat of all disease is the nerve centres, situated at the base of the brain. In this belief he had the best scientific and medical men of the world occupying exactly the same position. Indeed, the ordinary physician recognized this principle long ago. Everyone knows that in disease or injury affect this part of the human system and death is almost certain. Injure the spinal cord, which is the medium of these nerve centres, and paralysis is sure to follow. Here is the first principle. The trouble, with medical treatment usually, and with nearly all medicines, is that they aim simply to treat the organ that may be diseased. South American Nervine passes by the organs, and immediately applies its curative powers to the nerve centres, from which the organs of the body receive their supply of nerve fluid. The nerve centres, which have shown the outward evidence of derangement is healed. Indigestion, nervousness, impoverished blood, liver complaint, all owe their origin to a derangement of the nerve centres. Thousands bear testimony that they have been cured of these troubles, even when they have become so desperate as to baffie the skill of the most eminent physicians, because South American Nervine has gone to headquarters and cured there.

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—Kodaks at Fleming Bros., Gov. St.

—Christmas, Dunsin, Mullins, Serges, Fringes, etc., at Wellers Bros.

—Lawn Mowers cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

—Finest Haddies and Glasgow Beef Ham at H. H. Jameson's, 23 Port St.

—The members of the Y.W.C.T.U. will meet this evening at the residence of Mrs. Gordon Grant.

—There will be no sitting of the small debts court to-day, owing to the illness of Magistrate Macrae.

—Garden tools, carpenter's tools, tinware, crockery, etc., cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

—A branch of the Bank of Montreal is to be opened at New Denver and a branch of the Imperial Bank is to be established at Revelstoke.

—Henry W. C. Meyer, Q.C., of Calgary, a brother of Mr. J. T. Meyer, of this city, died recently at Banff, where he had gone in search of health.

—The charge of obtaining money by false pretences laid in the police court against Fred Caesar, a sealer, was this morning withdrawn owing to lack of evidence against him.

—Surveyor-General Kains has received a letter from Mr. William Ogilvie, the explorer, dated Fort Cuatly, Nov. 19, in which Mr. Ogilvie explains that he will be unable to reach the coast this winter.

—Ven. Archdeacon Scriven occupied the chair at the concert held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening in aid of the Y.W.C.A. There was a large attendance to enjoy the programme provided by Messrs. Hayward, Hutcheson, Mal Todd, and Fraser, Mrs. Ritchie and Messrs. Kingham, Pilling, C. E. Jones, Mr. Gilbert and Master Fawcett.

—Among the contributors to the programme to be given in Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, tomorrow evening under the management of the ladies of St. Barnabas church, are the following: Mrs. Archer Martin, Miss Powell, Messrs. J. G. Brown, H. Ives, J. Morrell, F. Richardson, J. Pilling, Goward and the Dixi Quartette—Messrs. Sehl, Robertson, Thomas and Finn.

—The Toronto Globe says: "A special from Victoria, B.C., says that a discovery of 'picture rocks' on Vancouver Island will be certain to excite the curiosity of students and scientists throughout all the civilized world." As 'picture rocks' are not wholly unknown in other parts of the Dominion it is scarcely likely that there will be that excitement which the correspondent anticipates.

—One member was initiated at last evening's meeting of Perseverance Lodge, I.O.G.T. There were a large number of visiting members present, who were entertained by a particularly good programme, those taking part being Messrs. Gibson, Dudgeon, Huxtable and Russell, Rev. P. C. L. Harris and Mr. O. Espey, of Seattle, addressed the lodge. Refreshments were served, making a fitting ending to an enjoyable evening. Next Tuesday evening the G. G. T. will pay the lodge an official visit.

—A number of important changes have taken place in the Toronto branch of the Bank of British North America. E. Stanger, hitherto inspector, has been appointed manager for Toronto, to succeed William Grindlay, who has resigned; and J. Knudsen, manager of the Brantford branch, will succeed Mr. Stanger as inspector. The intimation is likewise made that R. Ruff, manager at Brandon, leaves shortly for Brantford, Ont., where he takes charge of the agency there. The new manager at Brandon will be H. G. Marquis, formerly of the Victoria branch.

—Last evening the directors of the James Bay Athletic Association re-elected the old officers as follows: President, H. D. Helmsken, Q.C., M.P.P.; vice-president, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven; secretary, A. J. Dallan. The committees follow: House committee, C. E. Bailey, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, C. Fletcher, C. W. Newbury and W. L. B. Young; Boatmen committee, D. O'Sullivan, W. J. Scott and A. C. Anderson; Finance committee, D. O'Sullivan, C. W. Newbury and C. Fletcher. Mr. W. L. B. Young was elected a member of the

managing committee, vice James Stuart Yates, resigned.

—Sample books of Wall Paper sent to any part of the province. Some of our New Goods already in. Weller Bros.

—A Bicycle "built like a watch," on view at Nicholles and Renou's, A. J. Dallan, sole agent.

—The annual ball of L. O. L. No. 1610 promises to be the most successful event in the history of the Grange order in this city.

—The members of the Colfax Republican Lodge, I.O.O.F., intend giving another of their pleasant concert and dances on the 9th of March.

—The members of the W. C. T. U. and friends of that society are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Grant, Point Ellice, to-morrow afternoon.

—The steamer Umatilla, which sailed from San Francisco this morning, has the following cabin passengers for Victoria: F. P. Medina, J. Horton and wife, F. H. Coon, Ed. Walsh and wife, C. H. Quinton, H. Dow, A. B. Ellis, F. B. Calder, Miss Lucy Templeton, J. S. McDowell, Mrs. W. A. Williams.

—A gentleman who arrived from the West Coast on the steamer Tees, speaking of the complaints about Rev. Mr. Stone, the Methodist missionary at Claycoo, particulars of which were published last evening, says Mr. Stone is being persecuted by men on whom he informed for selling liquor to Indians. One of the allegations against the reverend gentleman is that he has been holding court among the Indians and appropriating to his own use the fines received, and on this charge Mr. Stone has written to the authorities demanding an investigation.

—The St. James' Hall concert, in aid of the funds of St. James' church, is attracting a great deal of attention from the amusement-seeking portion of the community. The St. Valentine features of the entertainment promising to be very interesting. The refreshments and the utensils in which they will be served are all heart shaped. Cupid will be the ticket-taker at the door, provided that imp can be controlled sufficiently to make him attend to the duties, if not, during the intervals which he devotes to target practice among the audience, an older and more staid mortal will fill that position.

—At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Young Men's Liberal Club the question of securing permanent quarters was decided by the engagement of the admirably located and comfortable hall on the third floor of the Adelphi building, corner of Government and Yates street. The hall is a very large one, and will permit of certain space being utilized as office, writing and reading rooms. The work of editing will be at once undertaken. The Young Liberals also contemplate organizing an athletic club, possessing, as they do, excellent material among the members for the formation of baseball, football and cricket teams.

—C. H. Yates' "Devil's Auction" is announced to give three performances at the Victoria theatre next week, on Monday and Tuesday evenings and at a grand matinee on Tuesday afternoon. Among the many new features offered for the season is a new absurdity entitled "The bashful maidens," a screaming episode of song and pantomime produced under the sobriquet of "Weary Willie." Another of this season's hits is the timely burlesque on the bicycle craze, regarding which a writer has stated: "There are bikes and there are bikes, but it's dollars to doughnuts no one ever saw a more varied assortment than glided around the stage in the 'bike' parade in the 'Forever Devil's Auction'."

—Martin Egan, formerly of the Times staff, has been nominated for an office in Oakland. He is following his profession in that city and was at a Democratic convention the other evening fulfilling his duties, when he was greatly surprised to hear himself nominated by acclamation for library trustee. The gentleman who placed his name in nomination was Judge Hiram Lattrell, and in his speech he paid a high compliment to the nominee. Mr. Egan was taken by surprise, as he had never sought the position and his labors would not permit of his taking the post, unless he withdrew from journalism. There is a salary attached to the office, and, as his friends are sure he will be elected, great pressure is being brought to bear to induce him to run and turn the "joke" into a serious reality.

—Col. Jas. Coolican, the irresponsible boomer, who for a number of years has kept life in the city of Port Angeles, never allowing an opportunity of parading its advantages to slip, is at the Orient. He is accompanied by Mrs. John Cain and son, Miss Everett and C. Everett. They came over to meet a party who were expected on the Empress of China, but who failed to make connections with the steamer on the other side of the ocean. The Colonel's latest scheme, like most of his propositions, is not a small one. It is the erection of steel works at Port Angeles, and from all reports the scheme is meeting with considerable success. A party of workmen have already arrived to commence operations. The works are to be erected by a syndicate composed of workmen from the eastern steel centers.

—A private meeting of the board of aldermen was held yesterday evening at the city hall, when the estimates for the coming year were discussed. Several suggestions were made in regard to an appropriation for band music at Beacon Hill Park, but nothing was done in that matter yesterday evening, it being laid on the table for future consideration. The board decided that the salaries of the members of the police force will remain as at present, as will the salaries of all the city officials. Five hundred dollars, however, was appropriated for the purchase of overcoats for the police. An extra appropriation of \$500 was also made for Beacon Hill Park. The salaries of the fire department were not touched upon, being laid over until the discussion of the plan suggested by the Fire Underwriters' Association of having a fully paid fire department. Another meeting will be held on Friday evening, when the estimates will be completed.

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EMPRESS OF CHINA

The Big Pacific Liner Detained at Quarantine Last Night.

Chinese Passengers and Baggage and the Steamer Thoroughly Fumigated.

Steamer Sakura Uaru Has a Very Rough Trip Crossing the Pacific.

The R.M.S. Empress of China, Captain Archibald, R.N.R., came alongside the outer wharf this morning smelling very strongly of disinfectants. She had spent the night at the William Head quarantine station, where she underwent a thorough course of fumigation. The 280 steerage passengers were landed at the quarantine station with their baggage, the passengers being given disinfectant baths and their clothing and baggage being fumigated. Although this caused a delay of some fourteen hours and considerable inconvenience to those waiting for the vessel, it was considered advisable to take every precaution, particularly at this time of the year, when smallpox is more likely to spread. The China had an exceptionally fine passage for this season of the year. She left Hongkong on the afternoon of January 20th and arrived at Yokohama at 11:30 a.m. on the 28th of January, via Amoy and the usual coast ports, experiencing fine weather along the coast. She left Yokohama on the afternoon of the 29th of January, and arrived at Victoria last evening at 6:30. She had fresh north-westerly winds and fine weather until Feb. 10th, then moderate and fresh southerly winds and cloudy weather. The cabin passengers were: Mr. J. H. Adams, Mrs. Bash and child, Miss Bash, Captain W. H. Crawford, Mr. B. D. Douglas, Mr. E. Enghorn, Mr. R. H. W. Fraser, Mr. K. Igaska, Dr. Ellen Lyon, Mr. E. J. Moss and wife, Miss K. E. Mitchell, Mr. T. Morimura, Mr. R. Patterson, Mr. W. F. Page, Major R. M. Rainey, Mr. H. T. Richardson, Mr. J. C. Scott, Mr. T. Shiotani, Mr. Spencer, Jr., Miss C. Van Olanda, Master Wertheimer. There was one intermediate passenger and 280 in the steerage. Of the latter 51 Chinese were landed here. She had 1895 tons of cargo.

It took the N. Y. K. steamer Sakura more than a month to make the trip from Seattle to Yokohama, this being no fault of the steamer's, but rather of the weather, which was about as bad as it was possible for it to be. The steamer left Seattle on December 23rd, and three days later ran into a storm that continued until January 3rd. In the meantime everything moveable and been washed from the decks, including lifeboats and ventilators. A number of the glass ports were smashed, and the fresh water tanks were flooded, and to add to this the supply of coal ran short and the vessel was headed for Honolulu. On her way from the latter port to Yokohama, on the 24th of January, she passed close to a dismasted vessel, apparently about 250 tons, in latitude 34.15 north, longitude 143.0 east, blowing a strong westerly gale and a high sea running at the time. After a close inspection they could see no life on board.

The Oriental Steamship company had intended to build four new steamers of 5000 tons each, of 14 knots speed, for the purpose of opening a regular line from Japan to Mexico ports, in addition to San Francisco and Batavia, but owing to the strained condition of the money market, even the first payment on shares has not yet been finished. So it is proposed that the Mexican line be postponed.

This evening the steamer Tees will leave for the West Coast. Among her passengers will be a number of Victoria sailing captains, who will endeavor to arrange with the Indians for sealing cruises. The Indians are now more amenable to the Indians, and in all probability the mission of the captains will likely be successful.

Capt. H. F. Foot, who returned from the Mainland last evening, has been enquiring into the possibilities of trade for a freight steamer along the lower Fraser. The captain reports that he received many promises of freight should another steamer be placed on the Victoria-Fraser River route.

The schooners Beatrice and Viva, for which no purchasers could be found at the sale held by the sheriff some time ago, were taken over by the naval authorities and will be moored at Esquimalt. They were taken around this morning by a squad of bluejackets.

The tug Leone returned from the Cape Horn and West Coast of South America, where a low ice was awaiting her. Captain Langley reports that five ships are in Clallam Bay waiting to go to sea.

Captain Locke, of the Joan, reports that on Sunday he passed buoy No. 8, belonging off the mouth of Fraser river. The buoy was adrift and was about half way across the gulf when he passed it.

This morning the tug Pioneer towed the ship Doris from Royal Roads to the Sound, where she loads lumber.

The sailing schooner Maud S., Capt. McKel, is getting ready for sea and will leave in a few days.

What organization has any greater opportunities for increasing membership, necessary to maintain low cost of protection, than the Macabees? None.

A DIAMOND KING'S DEATH.

The Late Joseph Mylchreest, of the Isle of Man—Sketch of His Career.

The death is announced of the "Diamond King," Joseph Mylchreest, at his home in the Isle of Man. Deceased was a friend of Mr. Howell, the assistant architect and clerk of works on the new government buildings, and will probably be remembered by the old-time Canadian miners, as he was at one time a resident of that district. His career was a remarkable one, and typical in its wanderings and vicissitudes. It was in its final success, of the lives of many of the adventurous spirits who have discovered and developed gold fields in many quarters of the world. He was a native of Peel, Isle of Man, the son of a skipper, and in early life learned the trade of a carpenter. At that time wandering tales were told of rich fortunes that were being made in the gold fields of California and Australia, and these exciting his youthful ambition he determined to emigrate, he went first to the coast of West Africa. In 1890 he went to New South Wales and engaged in mining in that colony, and subsequently in Queensland and Victoria. Subsequently he went to New Zealand, thence to California and from thence to Colorado, British Columbia. In each of these countries he spent more than a year. Then he wandered to Bolivia, Peru and Chile, where he worked in silver mines. When at Calao he read an account of the diamond fields of South Africa in a New York paper. Again crossing the Pacific, he once more tried his luck in Australia for a time and then turned his face to the waste East. Elizabeth, en route to the diamond fields, which at that time (1870) were attracting great attention. He alternately mined for diamonds and worked as a carpenter and after the usual ups and downs "struck oil" at Bulfontein, where on leased ground, for which he paid \$1500 per month, he laid the foundation of his fortune and earned the sobriquet by which he was afterwards known as "The Diamond King." When he obtained 115 valuable claims the policy of amalgamation initiated by Cecil Rhodes was carried out. Mr. Mylchreest receiving 1000,000 for his interests and the privilege of raising all the diamonds he could for six months. Working enormous gangs day and night, he took out a fabulous amount of material, which went further to increase a colossal fortune.

Mr. Mylchreest returned to the Isle of Man and took up his residence near the place where he was born. He was blunt, honest, kind-hearted and unostentatious, making friends with the poor and taking an active interest in public enterprises of all kinds. He was elected member for Peel in the House of Keys. The amount of his wealth is not stated. His but it is known to be very great. His death, at 56 years of age, is sincerely deplored by all classes in Manxland. Hall Cairn, the author, reflects the universal opinion in a tribute to his worth when he says: "The Isle of Man is in mourning to-day for the loss of one of her sons. But death cannot rob us altogether. The memory of such a man cannot die. His good deeds cannot die. His cheery, sunny and winsome humanity cannot die; and in this sense Joseph Mylchreest lives amongst us still, and it is only his tired and toiling body that we have now committed to the grave."

SMALLPOX IN JAPAN.

Over Fourteen Hundred Cases in Tokio in Two Weeks.

Smallpox is raging in many parts of Japan, but for some reason Yokohama has to a large extent escaped the ravages of the disease. In Tokio no less than 1,404 cases were reported between the 1st and 17th of January, while during the same period there were but seventeen cases in Yokohama, and only one of the patients was a white man, he being an engineer on one of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's boats. However, there had been twenty cases of diphtheria in Yokohama. The Daily Mail remarks: "It is to be hoped that the prevalent epidemic of smallpox, which rages extensively in many localities, will have the effect of stimulating the government into the institution of compulsory vaccination. The ravages of smallpox now being experienced, were the sensible course recommended to be taken. Voluntary vaccination as a preventive measure is largely a failure, and will be likely to continue so; it must be enforced by the hand of authority, that being the only way to effectually cope with the dangerous and disgusting disease."

A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant excruciating pain in his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased aversiveness.

An alarm from box 43 called the fire department to 124 North Park street this morning. A defective fuse having caused a small blaze, resulting in a loss of \$50, covered by insurance. The fire was put out by the chemical engine. The house is owned by Robt. MacGee.

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LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSE—All prices in view of stock and poor weather. Don't fail to get a WATERPROOF for the little girl. \$4.50 line reduced to \$2.50. We would advise you to call during the rest of this month, as goods are going to be slaughtered.

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The work is now going on for the new refinery at the Trail smelter, which will be done in about two months. The estimated cost is \$125,000. The re-

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OUT OF THE ASHES

Of the Central Lumber Company Another Combine is Already Springing.

This One Will Not Interfere With Domestic Trade—E. C. Mills Included.

Another lumber combine is being formed to take the place of the Central Lumber Company, which went out of existence a few weeks ago. The new organization includes practically the same mills as the Central Company, but it will confine its operations to the manufacture of the export trade. The Central Lumber Company was the greatest trust ever organized on the Pacific coast. Its operations were intended to control the lumber business of California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia in all departments of the trade. The concern was too unwieldy to be workable, and its life was necessarily a short one. As the new organization is for foreign trade only, it will probably be more successful, as an export trust is easier controlled than a domestic combine.

The mills which have already signified their intention of entering the new combine are the Tacoma Mill Co., Port Blakely Mill Co., Puget Sound Lumber Co., of Port Gamble, Washington; Mill Co., of Port Hadlock, British Columbia; Mosbyville Lumber and Saw Mill Co., of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., and the Brunette Saw Mill Co., of New Westminster. A meeting of the representatives of the different mills has already been held, and another conference will take place shortly at San Francisco, where the agreement will probably be ratified.

In the event of the organization being successfully accomplished, operations will begin about April 1. It is the intention to have joint representation in all of the foreign markets. The business will be equitably divided among the mills and profits equitably shared. So far the only large concern which have refused to go into the combine are the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co. of Tacoma, the Bellingham Bay Co. of New Whatcom, and one or two large mills on Gray's Harbor. A number of smaller mills in Oregon which refused to go into the Central Lumber combine were a perpetual thorn in the side of the big trust, but as these small mills do no export business, they can have no influence on the new organization.

Mr. H. P. Hittet, one of the directors of the Victoria Lumber Co., stated this morning that he believed that the new organization will prove a success. As far as he knew all the mills which are doing a large export business are ready to join. Mr. Hittet explained that the object of the organization was not to force big prices, but rather to secure more uniformity of prices in the foreign markets and to extend the foreign trade in a systematic way.

ORIENTAL ADVICES

Arrangements for the Funeral of the Dowager Empress of Japan.

(From Yokohama papers.)

An armed attack has been made on the girls' school of the A. M. Mission at Naga-chang in the Hok-chang district, about 50 miles southeast of Fochow. Though shots were fired into the house, no person was hurt.

The funeral of the late Empress Dowager has been definitely fixed for the 28th February at Kyoto. The remains leave Tokyo on the 2nd February and will be in state at the palace for four days. Neither the Emperor nor Empress will be present at the funeral, owing to severe cold from which they are suffering.

A meeting of the house of representatives was held on the 23rd instant, specially for the purpose of presenting a vote of condolence to defray the expenses of the funeral of the Empress Dowager. The vote was passed without question and also passed the house on the following day.

Business still remains very quiet. It has been decided to start a company styled the Japan and Mexico Colonization Co. to carry out the work of colonization contracted for between the Mexican government and Viscount Enomoto. In the meanwhile, it having been arranged with the Mexican government that some twenty families are to be settled during March next, that number will leave here on the 30th inst., and will set about the work of reclamation after the company has been formed.

According to the Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, a project has been on foot for the last two or three years for starting a large iron foundry, and lately the scheme has so far advanced that it will be made public shortly. According to the Asahi, iron works are to be established at two places in Hokkaido, and at Tokushima, Niigata and Tokushima-ken. The capital is to be 27,000,000 yen. The support of over half

of the members of the house of representatives is to be sought for and a subsidy from the government to be applied for, the amount to be according to circumstances.

It is not generally known, says an exchange, that there is an establishment at Nagasaki at which inoculation for the prevention of hydrophobia on the Pasteur system is practised. The physician in charge of it, under governmental approval, is Dr. Kurimoto Tensai, a professor of the Fifth Higher College of Medicine and chief of the medical department of the Nagasaki government hospital. We are informed that his treatment of cases of bites from dogs suffering from rabies has been very successful.

Mr. James Troup, H.B.M. consul at Yokohama, has been promoted in rank. The paragraph reads: "It is notified in Gazette that the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James Troup, Esq., to be Her Majesty's consul-general for the district of Kanagawa, to reside at Yokohama."

CHINESE PROCESSION.

The See Yip Company Hold a Lion Parade.

Chinatown is in a ferment this afternoon. The lion is again on the rampage. Being jealous of the procession of the lion and the fighting band held by the Young Wo Society on the 2nd instant, the See Yip Company held a monster demonstration to-day. Desiring to go the Young Wo's one better, instead of one lion they had two, with a greater fighting band, and as the showman says, numerous other attractions. One Chinaman representing a Li-Hung Chang and wearing large spectacles like those of the Viceroy marched, guarded by an escort of Chinese soldiers, proudly through the streets. Many flags, both British and Chinese, were carried by the processionists, and at all the stores and residences of the See Yip people flags were suspended from the doors, the majority of which had \$5 bills attached to them. As the lion arrived at these residences, he chewed off the flag and the owners fell in and swelled the procession. The fire-crackers were not as plentiful as of late. The company applied to Mayor Redford for permission to use them, but the mayor refused to grant a permit. The Chinese Benevolent Society and the majority of the merchants, it is understood, were also against using fire-crackers. The See Yips wanted to use them, and as a result a considerable ill-feeling has been awakened on both sides. The other societies are exceedingly jealous of the display made, and it is feared that trouble will arise as a result in the Chinese quarter. The breach has been growing wider between the rival companies every day.

Headless of the notification that fire-crackers would not be allowed, when the procession started several Chinese threw them in front of the lions. The police got the names of the offenders, and they will all be asked to appear and explain in the police court. Some of the Chinese defied the police and continued to explode the crackers, among them Quong Wah and Chin Long, the storekeepers on Comorant street, who were arrested and brought to the city lock-up by Officers Palmer and Carson. The charge laid against both was that they were guilty of an infraction of the street by-law. A number of other summonses will be issued to-morrow.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The divorce action of Warren vs. Warren came on for trial this morning before Mr. Justice Walker and an order for dissolution of the marriage was made. Mr. S. D. Schultz appeared as counsel for the petitioner, Frederick Warren, a marine engineer, who was divorced from his wife, formerly Alice Blee, of New Westminster, to whom he was married in the year 1883 in Victoria. The ground alleged was adultery. The witnesses were the petitioner and police officers Palmer and McDonald, who told of the doings of the wife and gave direct testimony as to the adulterous life of the respondent on Admiral's road and in the city. At the request of Mr. Schultz certain portions of the petition were struck out, as petitioner did not wish to make a revelation of revolting circumstances and the evidence was sufficient without it. There are two children of the marriage, a boy of 10 and a girl of 14 years of age, the former of whom is in the custody of the mother. His Lordship made an order for the dissolution of the marriage and gave the father the custody of the children. After six months, in order to make the divorce absolute, an application to the court will have to be made.

Wolley vs. Lowenberg, Harris & Co., which has been before the courts for over two years, and which at the time of the trial created a great deal of interest and feeling, has been finally disposed of. At the trial Mr. Justice Walker gave the plaintiff judgment for \$2500 and interest, and on appeal by the defendants the full court here dismissed the appeal and defendants then went to the supreme court of Canada. The supreme court held that the principle of the assessment of the damages was wrong and referred the case back to the court here to assess the damages on a different basis. The full court this morning gave their judgment, which was delivered by Mr. Justice McCreight. Justices Walker and Drake concurred. Under the present decree the plaintiff gets judgment for \$2500, with interest from 4th April, 1894, to date of payment. The plaintiff gets the return of the judgment and also the costs of the reference. No costs are allowed either side for the appeal to the full court and the supreme court of Canada.

PERSONAL.

J. Elliott, Nelson, is at the Deland. C. D. Rand is down from the mining district.

Dr. E. Hall returned last evening from Kootenay. Max Leiser was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

P. J. Wheeler, of the Great Northern, Vancouver, is at the Deland. Norman McLean is in the city to advance the interests of the Kootenay-Coast railway scheme.

Wm. Murray, of the Bank of British Columbia, Vancouver, and Mrs. Murray left for Honolulu by the Warrimoo.

Robert Paterson, an Edinburgh wholesale merchant, who is returning home from a business trip to China, is at the Deland.

DECREES DENOUNCED

Spain's New Reform Policy Causes an Unprecedented Reaction in Madrid

The Cuban Autonomist Representatives Warmly Denounce the Decrees.

New York, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to the World from Madrid says:

An unprecedented sensation has been caused in Spain by the publication of the reform decrees. The Adroit declares that the declarations of Premier Canovas in his preamble have awakened the great majority of Spain's people to the gravity of the situation, and the necessity of the fulfilment of the promises contained in the royal speech, the minister's statements and the reform law of 1895, as well as the expediency of settling the contest in Cuba in harmony with public sentiment in America and Europe as well.

The preamble also shows the impossibility of pacifying the West Indies without home rule, through instalments, and the hopelessness of winning over all the insurgents even, though Senator Canovas admits that the present struggle is a war for independence.

Critics of the government policy publicly assert that they would have profited complete autonomy. The reform policy is sure to bring on conflicts. Though Senator Sagasta has counselled the liberals to refrain from throwing the party organs severely criticize the decrees, insinuating that the liberals would further them if called to office.

Most of the newspapers, notably the Herald, the Imparcial, the Carlist and the Republican papers, try to stir up the people against the new policy. They echo the prevalent impression that the test of the nation will be the effect on Cuba and the United States.

Most Spaniards are convinced that the government is confident of obtaining the approval and support of President Cleveland, Secretary of State Olney and the American public. The opinion is general, too, that the policy cannot succeed unless Gen. Weyler is promptly recalled from Cuba.

Senator Artaza, the author of the reform law of 1895, which Premier Canovas promises to annul, with his own programme, and who was consulted before the decrees were published, said in an interview:

"It is hardly possible to guess the effect on Cuba of the publication of the reforms, coupled with the postponement of their execution. Persons most competent to judge do not believe the war will end soon."

The Cuban autonomist representatives warmly denounce the decrees. They are disappointed at Premier Canovas' silence on the electoral reform, indispensable to making the new policy acceptable, and of the extraordinary elastic limitations upon the actions of the insular assembly and councils.

The object of the changes giving to the governor-general, the minister of the colonies, the executive and the cortes the final decision of the affairs, treaties and all other really important legislation. They think the greatest difficulty would arise over the inevitable question of allowing the Spanish cortes eventually to saddle upon Cuba the debt contracted for war expenses, when probably the whole revenue from taxation on the island for many years would not meet the interest and sinking fund alone.

The autonomist do not believe the publication of the reforms will end the war or even perform pacification unless Gen. Weyler is superseded soon by Marshal de Campos, Blanco or Lopez. Domingo, and the repression policy reversed with a view to re-establishing confidence, healing the wounds of war and allowing the exiles to return, thereby persuading the insurgents and their American sympathizers that Spain is in earnest at last.

Strangely enough, the published reforms were most unfavorably received by many of the conservative West Indian senators and deputies. Yet they knew that Premier Canovas had consulted and obtained the approval of Romero Robledo, Azateguia and others and at their suggestion inserted at the last hour restrictive clauses to restrain the governor-general, the colonial minister, the cabinet and the cortes to almost all important matters, especially political, commercial and financial councils.

Several of the most influential fail with the "excessive powers" granted to the council of administration, and prophesy that the slightest electoral reform would be sure to give the autonomists and separatists control of the insular, provincial and municipal councils.

They say the colonial assembly will be certain to ally with the autonomist party over the tariff treaties, commerce and taxation, besides the capital question of the settlement of the Cuban debts, not even touched in the present programme, but reserved for the cortes.

QUIET AT CANERA.

Refugees Return to the Town—Massacre at Kinsang.

Canera, Feb. 10.—The town is now quiet, and the refugees who were on board the steamer "Kinsang" have returned to the town. On the other hand, the attitude of the Greek warships, who are on the coast, is very hostile. It is officially stated that 25 Hellenic women and children have been rescued from Kinsang and Kasulim, westward of Canera. The Greek warships left here yesterday and are going to Kinsang. News has been received here of further fighting on the island.

CONDENED DISPATCH.

Brigham City, Utah, Feb. 10.—At 5 o'clock last night this city was visited by the heaviest earthquake shock ever experienced in this valley. It was so severe that the bells in the churches stopped five or six times.

City of Mexico, Feb. 10.—A sharp shock of earthquake was experienced at three o'clock this morning by the state of Vera Cruz, moving from southwest to east. The shock lasted six seconds. Various places and vicinity are believed to have experienced it, the greatest on Coahuila state, which went into effect on February 1st. Last Monday 40 cars of cattle arrived from Mexico, the largest quantity which has been received under the new law. The major part of the shipment was for stock purposes.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE HIND. CARSON THE FIGHTER.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 10.—It can be stated that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will take place in this city, the information having been given the Associated Press by a man who has authority to speak. Already telegrams engaging hotel and boarding-house rooms have been received. Accommodations will be provided for 5000 expected from east of the Rocky Mountains, as well as a larger number looked for from the Pacific Coast States. A dispatch was received from Chicago this morning engaging a block of 1200 seats for the Siler-Hogan special, which will bring not only the Chicago crowd, but a good part of the eastern contingent. Carson people are much pleased, as they expect the visitors will leave behind a large sum of money in the aggregate, which will greatly benefit the city.

SHARKEY-MAHER.

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Dan Lynch, the tacker and manager of Sharkey, said last evening that his protégé is residing at Vallejo and has heard nothing substantial relative to a purse for a fight between himself and Maher—that is so far as the Nevada stake is concerned.

"I consider that Sharkey is as big a drawing card as either Fitzsimmons or Corbett, yet I am willing to match Tom against Maher in a contest to a finish if Stuart will hang up a purse of \$10,000," said Lynch last night. "As there is only a limited time for either Maher or Sharkey to train properly for a finish fight, which must be pulled off in Nevada on the 17th of March, I have reason to believe that the men will not meet in the Nevada stake."

"I had a talk with Wheelock, who is one of Stuart's managers, when he was in this city, and I then gave him to understand that if Stuart was looking for a second attraction and had Maher and Sharkey in his mind's eye, he must put up \$10,000 or there would not be a fight."

Wheelock thought that the amount of the purse I demanded was too much, but when I handed him a telegram which I had received from a prominent Eastern sporting man concerning an offer made by one of the big Eastern clubs for a ten or fifteen round contest between Maher and Sharkey, he changed his mind and said he would write Stuart and explain the situation. I have heard nothing more since from Wheelock or Stuart, and I presume that their silence means that there will not be a meeting between Peter and Tom in Nevada. If a match were made I would not hesitate a moment to back Sharkey in any sum from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a side, but Mr. Siler would not be the referee."

FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Victoria Rugby Football Club in their match on Saturday next against the Nanaimo Hornets: Full back, P. Falgout; three-quarters, C. Wilson, H. Percival, C. Gamble, K. McLeod; half, H. H. Haines (captain), A. T. Goward; forwards, L. Crease, A. D. Crease, D. Macdonald, H. R. G. Atkins, I. K. Macrae, H. J. Austin, W. M. O'Brien, A. Laugel; reserve, A. V. Innes.

The Nanaimo team will be as follows: Full back, H. Dempster; three-quarter backs, E. Marshall, C. Bamford, J. Stewart, J. D. Quinn; half-backs, H. Hilton, S. Webster; forwards, M. Duffy, M. Woodburn, O. Handie, W. Hardy, A. Gibbs, F. English, J. McKinnell, J. Thompson.

The team will leave on Saturday morning on the 8 o'clock train, returning the same evening, the E. & N. Railway Co. having kindly consented to hold the afternoon train until 5:30.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer "Schooner" from the Sound—H. Hickey, J. E. Bigham, S. Goldberg, Mrs. Jones, T. Anderson, J. Stenham and wife, Mrs. Hines, Jas. Long.

Per steamer "Charmer" from Vancouver—J. T. Hake, Jas. Hake, Wm. Mulholland and wife, G. D. Hake, Wm. Hake, J. H. Hake, J. D. Hake, J. L. Hake, J. M. Hake, J. N. Hake, J. O. Hake, J. P. Hake, J. Q. Hake, J. R. Hake, J. S. Hake, J. T. Hake, J. U. Hake, J. V. Hake, J. W. Hake, J. X. Hake, J. Y. Hake, J. Z. Hake.

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